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RECIT. DAUGHTERS of Beauty, who enraptur'd hail
The Virgin Quire, in that romantic vale
Where Iſis down her green enamel'd edge
Glides in ſoft eddies o'er the waving ſedge;
And Cherwell from his oſier'd bed
Oft hears the Fairies' printleſs Tread,
When miſty Night with ſilent pace
Steals gradual o'er their circling chace:

And YOU, Illuſtrious Chiefs, who glow
With ardor for your Country's weal,
Yet, 'mid the calls of patriot zeal,
At Phœbus' ſhrine with tranſport bow;

AIR. From buſy ſcenes to theſe embower'd retreats
Your ſtep auſpicious mitred SHELDON greets;
While Peace, attendant at her hallow'd Fane,
Parent of Science, ſwells your ſolemn Train.

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RECIT. Mark, where the Fiend of War, on havock bent,
Gigantic ranges o'er Moldavia's land,
And Warſaws' Sons, by feuds remorſeleſs rent,
Reluctant own the Victor's ſtern command.
Heſperia views the gathering cloud
From Gallia riſe, and lowering Spain;
While floating bulwarks with their thunders loud
Affright the Naids of th' Ægean main.

RECIT. Britannia ſits inthron'd in awful ſtate,
Sole Arbitreſs ſerene; 'and what She wills, is fate'.

AIR. Heroes in the ghaſtly fight
Vainly vaunt achievements brave;
Check, o check your lawleſs might;
Valour conquers but to ſave.

Happier they, whom Wiſdom's lore
Prompts to frame the Social Plan;
Fraught with Science' richeſt ſtore,
Skill'd to bleſs and perfect Man. *Da Capo.*

RECIT.

RECIT. What martial Sons, once proud of thy behest,
O Rhedycina, blazon wide the page
By Memory mark'd! full many a Royal Guest
Here mus'd attentive to the hoary Sage.

Lion-hearted Richard's spear
Glitter'd first in † Beaumont's shade;
Here He couch'd his lance, and here
Panted for the bold crusade.

* Henry, thunderbolt of war,
Here plan'd his hardiest deeds; here learnt to wield
His maiden sword, and hurl the massy bar;
Here grasp'd the mimic shield.

RECIT. Enough, Heroic souls, of cruel fight:
Forgive, if milder arts invite
The grateful Muse for Social Worth to twine
The wreath of Honour, snatch'd from Virtue's shrine.

† Near Worcester College; once a seat of HEN. II.
* HEN. V. educated at Queen's College.

SYMPHONY.

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RECIT. Heard Ye, while echoing from yon azure ſphere
Prophetic accents ſtruck th' aſtoniſh'd ear?

AIR. I ſee the ſovereign Form deſcend,
And wrapt in ſtole majeſtic downward bend.

RECIT. ACCOMP. "Britons, if ought ye boaſt of Creſſy's field
Where many a crimſon'd helm and batter'd ſhield,
By delving plowman turn'd, recalls the name
Of Edward, high enroll'd by deathleſs Fame;
That praiſe be mine. But better far
The peaceful ſway, than ſpoils of ſavage War
To Me, or Bolingbroke's undaunted ſon,
On Poictou's tented plains by Valour won.
With crowded canvas wing'd 'tis Yours to ſweep
Golconda's ſhores, and darken all the Deep.

AIR.

AIR. But ſtay, yon bold Advent'rers, ſtay;
Nor, blithſome o'er the briny ſurge,
With mad'ning ſpeed miſguided urge
To pearly Ind your heedleſs way.

What boots it that my Edward led
In Freedom's cauſe his eager van;
If You, relentleſs foes to Man,
O'er fruitful Climes dire famine ſpread?

RECIT. Yet haply ſhall a Brunſwick's rule benign,
By Sapience counſel'd, prune your daring wing;
And diſtant Tribes with haſte conſign
Their wavering homage to a guardian King.
Aſia, no more thy guiltleſs Natives mild,
By ruthleſs hand deſpoil'd,
Frantic their fabled Genii ſhall invoke
With wizard rites, and curſe their galling yoke."

AIR.

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Ye Chiefs, who near your Liege's throne
Attendant, hold the helm of ſtate;
As Edward's tilting Barons ſhone
In Royal Windſor's trophied gate;
O think, while on your puiſſant thigh
The myſtic Garter firm you bind,
From that queint badge what leſſons high
Reflected warm each op'ning mind.

The generous Youths, near Iſis' ſtream
Who joyous hail a ſovereign's choice
Crown'd by Rhedycina's voice,
With rival ardor catch th' inſtructive Theme.

RECIT.

RECIT. ACCOMP. ‘Goodneſs, deck'd with glory, wide
‘Darts her luſtre, heav'nly bright;
‘Fame, to Virtue unally'd,
‘Shines — the meteor of a night.’

CHORUS. The generous Youths, near Iſis' ſtream,
Who joyous hail a Sovereign's choice
Crown'd by Rhedycina's voice,
With rival ardor catch th' inſtructive Theme.

THE END.

RECIT. ‘Goodnele, deck’d with glory, wide
ACCOMP. ‘Darts her lustre, heav’nly bright;
‘Fame, to Virtue usually’d,
‘Shines — the meteor of a night.’

CHORUS. The generous Youths, dear Ida’ stream
Who joyous hail a Sovereign’s choice
Crown’d by Rhodyvina’s voice,
With rival ardor catch th’ inspirative Theme.

THE END.

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